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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS, AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS -----.

NARR:

IN A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS THIS WEEK PRESIDENT CARTER REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE. BUT HE ISSUED ANOTHER WARNING THAT SOVIET BEHAVIOR, ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA, IS NOT CONTRIBUTING TO AN EASING OF TENSIONS AND COULD UNDERMINE U.S. PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR DETENTE. THE PRESIDENT SAID THE UNITED STATES' LONG TERM OBJECTIVE MUST BE TO CONVINCE MOSCOW OF THE ADVANTAGES OF COOPERATION AND OF THE COST OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR. AND MISTER CARTER STRESSED THAT WASHINGTON IS PREPARED TO FOLLOW EITHER COURSE:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- CARTER

"THE SOVIET UNION CAN CHOOSE EITHER CONFRONTATION OR COOPERATION. THE UNITED STATES IS ADEQUATELY PREPARED TO MEET EITHER CHOICE. WE WOULD PREFER COOPERATION THROUGH A DETENTE THAT INCREASINGLY INVOLVES SIMILAR RESTRAINT FOR BOTH SIDES, SIMILAR READINESS TO RESOLVE DISPUTES BY NEGOTIATION AND NOT BY VIOLENCE, SIMILAR WILLINGNESS TO COMPETE PEACEFULLY AND NOT MILITARILY. ANYTHING LESS THAN THAT IS LIKELY TO UNDERMINE DETENTE, AND THIS IS WHY I HOPE THAT NO ONE WILL UNDERESTIMATE THE CONCERNS WHICH I HAVE EXPRESSED TODAY."

NARR:

(OPT) ON AFRICA, PRESIDENT CARTER AGAIN EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT WHAT HE SAID WAS THE PERSISTENT AND INCREASING MILITARY ROLE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA IN THAT CONTINENT. HE CALLED THEIR ACTIONS AN INTRUSION AND A THREAT TO REGIONAL

PEACE, BUT HE ALSO SAID CUBA AND THE SOVIET COULD STILL  
PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE ON THE CONTINENT:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- CARTER

"I URGE AGAIN THAT ALL POWERS JOIN US IN EMPHASIZING WORKS OF PEACE, RATHER THAN THE WEAPONS OF WAR. LET THE SOVIET UNION NOW JOIN US IN SEEKING A PEACEFUL AND A SPEEDY TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. LET US SEE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PEACEFULLY THE DISPUTES IN ERITREA AND IN ANGOLA. LET US ALL WORK, NOT TO DIVIDE AND SEEK DOMINATION IN AFRICA, BUT TO HELP THOSE NATIONS FULFILL THEIR GREAT POTENTIAL." (END OPT)

NARR:

IN HIS SPEECH, PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO SAID THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK A FAIR STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND HE SAID PROSPECTS FOR REACHING A SALT TWO ACCORD ARE GOOD. HE ADDED THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NO DESIRE TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THE ARMS TALKS OR LINK THEM TO COMPETITIVE ASPECTS OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. BUT MISTER CARTER NOTED THE KEY ROLE WHICH PUBLIC OPINION PLAYS IN FOREIGN POLICYMAKING IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY LIKE THE UNITED STATES -- ASSERTING THAT TENSIONS AND DISPUTES WILL COMPLICATE THE QUEST FOR AN AGREEMENT.

LATER IN THE WEEK, WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAID THEY THINK PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH ACCOMPLISHED ITS TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES. FIRST, TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE ADMINISTRATION REMAINS EAGER TO PURSUE A COOPERATIVE DETENTE RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW. AND SECOND, TO STATE IN EVEN STRONGER TERMS THAN BEFORE, U.S. CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET BEHAVIOR IN AFRICA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

(OPT) THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ALSO INCLUDED SOME OF HIS STRONGEST CRITICISM OF SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY IN RECENT MONTHS. HE CHARGED MOSCOW WITH ATTEMPTING TO EXPORT TOTALITARIANISM AND REPRESSION. AND HE HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT DOMESTIC SOVIET CONDITIONS:

TAPE: CUT THREE -- CARTER

"THE ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY IN VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT HELSINKI HAS EARNED THEM THE CONDEMNATION OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WHO LOVE FREEDOM. BY THEIR ACTIONS THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE SOVIET SYSTEM CANNOT TOLERATE FREELY EXPRESSED IDEAS, OR NOTIONS OF LOYAL OPPOSITION, AND THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES." (END OPT)

NARR:

IN AN UNUSUALLY RAPID ASSESSMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY TASS ACCUSED HIM OF DISTORTING BOTH THE SOVIET SYSTEM AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. TASS OBSERVED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF MISTER CARTER'S SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO WHAT IT CALLED "FABRICATIONS" ABOUT THE SOVIET SYSTEM AND TO GROUNDLESS ACCUSATIONS THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS TRYING TO EXPORT ITS OWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT. ANSWERING PRESIDENT CARTER DIRECTLY, TASS SAID IT IS WASHINGTON'S POLICY AND NOT MOSCOW'S THAT IS THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT.

LATER IN THE WEEK, A SOVIET OBSERVER OF AMERICAN DEVELOPMENTS, GEORGI ARBATOV, ALSO DISPUTED SOME OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENTS

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- ARBATOV

"WE ARE NOT ON A CONFRONTATION COURSE -- THE SOVIET UNION, AND WE ARE STRONGLY FOR DETENTE. WE WILL STRUGGLE FOR IT. I'M SURE WE WILL FIND A LOT OF ALLIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, IN THIS STRUGGLE. BUT IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT AT ALL SO FOND OF DETENTE AND WOULD LIKE TO TURN THE TIDE AND RETURN TO SOME KIND OF -- MAYBE NOT COLD WAR -- OF TENSIONS. I HARDLY THINK IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO REPLAY AGAIN FOR THE SECOND TIME THE WHOLE COLD WAR. BUT THERE CAN BE TENSIONS, AND VERY DANGEROUS ONES, BECAUSE THE TIME IS REALLY RUNNING OUT ON ALL OF US."

NARR:

THIS WEEK IN PARIS, HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM FIVE WESTERN COUNTRIES DISCUSSED ZAIRE AND OTHER AFRICAN PROBLEMS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE REBEL ATTACK ON SHABA PROVINCE. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING SAYS THE OFFICIALS FROM THE UNITED

STATES, FRANCE, BELGIUM, BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

THE DOCUMENT ALSO SAYS THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS STUDIED CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AID SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO HELP ZAIRE REBUILD ITS ECONOMY, AND MEASURES TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY ZAIRE MUST HAVE FOR ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. AS PART OF THIS, THE FIVE CONSIDERED THE PROBLEMS OF PROVIDING HELP TO AFRICAN STATES THAT COLLECTIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY WANT TO PRESERVE THEIR INTEGRITY AND DEVELOPMENT. BUT THEY DISCARDED ANY DEFINITE PLANS FOR A PAN-AFRICAN PEACE FORCE, AS EXPRESSED BY FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD:

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- DE GUIRINGAUD

"I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A PERMANENT INTERVENTION FORCE. I THINK EACH AND EVERY AFRICAN STATE SHOULD HAVE ITS ARMED FORCES -- SMALL BUT EFFICIENT -- AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE NOT ONLY TO MAINTAIN SECURITY IN THEIR OWN TERRITORY, BUT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, TO HELP SOME OF THEIR NEIGHBORS, IF THEY WISH SO."

NARR:

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AS THE OFFICIALS WERE MEETING IN PARIS, SOME MEASURES AIMED AT MAINTAINING ZAIRE'S SECURITY WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY. AMERICAN PLANES BEGAN TRANSPORTING MOROCCAN TROOPS TO SOUTHERN ZAIRE. THE MOROCCANS WILL REPLACE FRENCH AND BELGIAN TROOPS WHO HAVE BEEN IN SHABA PROVINCE SINCE LAST MONTH'S REBEL INVASION.

IN WASHINGTON, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER THIS WEEK BEGAN A SERIES OF CLOSED MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES THAT ARE SEEKING PROOF OF WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER SAID ABOUT THE CUBAN ROLE IN THE INVASION OF SHABA. THE C.I.A. CHIEF SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN TRAINING AND EQUIPPING THE INSURGENT FORCES THAT LAUNCHED THE INVASION:

TAPE: CUT SIX -- TURNER

"WE'VE MADE A VERY CAREFUL, OBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF THIS. NO INTELLIGENCE CONCLUSION IS EVER ABSOLUTELY BLACK OR ABSOLUTELY WHITE. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE SUCH AS WE DO IN THIS CASE -- FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME -- ONE CAN ONLY COME TO THE KIND OF CONCLUSION THAT WE DID."

NARR:

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, BLACK MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS THIS WEEK EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WHAT THEY SEE AS A DRAMATIC SHIFT IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S AFRICAN POLICY. ACCORDING TO THE GROUP, THE ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO RE-INTRODUCE AN EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION OVER THE RECENT INVATION OF SHABA PROVINCE, DESPITE THE PRESIDENT'S INITIAL COMMITMENT TO AVOID ANY TRACES OF COLD WAR CONFLICT IN AFRICA.

(OPT) THE GROUP'S CHAIRMAN, REPRESENTATIVE PARREN MITCHELL, SAID THAT AFRICAN LEADERS HE HAS MET BELIEVE THE CUBAN-SOVIET PRESENCE IN AFRICA IS AN INTERNAL MATTER FOR AFRICAN NATIONS TO RESOLVE. MISTER MITCHELL ALSO EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE CURRENT USE OF AMERICAN PLANES TO TRANSPORT TROOPS TO ZAIRE:

TAPE: CUT SEVEN -- MITCHELL

"I OPPOSE IT, SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT'S THE KIND OF FIRST-STEP INVOLVEMENT THAT GOT US INTO TROUBLE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. AND I HAVE OPPOSED IT ALSO BECAUSE IT IS AN ACTION SEEKING TO IMPOSE A FORCE ON THE AFRICAN NATIONS, AND WITHOUT CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL BY THE O.A.U." (END OPT)

NARR:

IN FAR EASTERN DEVELOPMENTS THIS WEEK, PEKING'S OFFICIAL NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY SAID THAT TWO PASSENGER SHIPS HAVE COMPLETED PREPARATIONS TO GO TO VIETNAM AND BRING BACK ETHNIC CHINESE RESIDENTS. VOA CORRESPONDENT JIM MILLER HAS THIS REPORT FROM HONG KONG:

TAPE: CUT EIGHT -- MILLER

"AS THE TWO SHIPS WERE PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR VIETNAM, CHINA WAS STEPPING UP ITS CHARGES AGAINST THAT COUNTRY AND INDICATING IT MIGHT TAKE HARSHER MEASURES AGAINST HANOI REGARDING THE EXPULSION OF THE CHINESE RESIDENTS. THE CHINESE CLAIM THAT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND CHINESE RESIDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN EXPELLED BY HANOI. VIETNAM DISMISSES PEKING'S CHARGE OF MISTREATMENT OF CHINESE IN VIETNAM, CALLING IT THE CHINESE SIDE'S SLANDEROUS ACCUSATION. VIETNAM ALSO SAID TUESDAY THAT CHINA CAN SEND THE EVACUATION SHIPS TO PICK UP THE ETHNIC CHINESE ONLY AFTER PEKING AND HANOI HAVE NEGOTIATED AS, WHAT IT CALLS, EQUALS."

NARR:

LATER IN THE WEEK, THE VIETNAMESE ARMY NEWSPAPER SAID CHINA HAS REJECTED HANOI'S CALLS FOR NEGOTIATION ON THE PROBLEM WHICH WAS TO BEGIN IN PEKING EARLY THIS MONTH. IT SAYS CHINA INSTEAD HAS ESCALATED ITS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ON THE ISSUE AND HAS UNILATERALLY SET THE DATE FOR SENDING SHIPS TO THE VIETNAMESE PORTS OF HAIPHONG AND HO CHI MINH CITY. THE NEWSPAPER CALLS THIS AN UNPARDONABLE ATTITUDE AND A BLATANT VIOLATION OF VIETNAM'S TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY.

(OPT) A VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ISSUED THIS WEEK SAID VIETNAM WILL ALLOW CHINESE SHIPS TO ENTER VIETNAM TO EVACUATE CHINESE RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO LEAVE. BUT IT ADDED THAT THE SHIPS MUST ENTER PORTS DETERMINED BY THE VIETNAMESE. THE STATEMENT ALSO SAID THAT ALL CHINESE WHO WANT TO LEAVE VIETNAM MUST COMPLY WITH ALL NECESSARY VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FORMALITIES. (END OPT)

IN WHAT COULD BE THE BEGINNINGS OF A POPULAR TAX REVOLT IN THE UNITED STATES, VOTERS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA APPROVED THIS WEEK A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WILL CUT PROPERTY TAXES BY ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT. THE CITIZEN-INITIATED MEASURE KNOWN AS PROPOSITION THIRTEEN WILL FORCE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO SLASH THEIR BUDGETS AND MAKE CUTBACKS IN CERTAIN SERVICES.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN, WHO CAMPAIGNED AGAINST THE MOVE, SAID THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN CLEARLY. HE ADDED THAT THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGE NOW FACING CALIFORNIA IS THE MOST DIFFICULT IN ITS HISTORY. MISTER BROWN PLEDGED THAT NO STATE TAXES WOULD BE LEVIED TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOST PROPERTY TAXES, AND HE SAID HE WILL PUSH FOR A FREEZE ON SPENDING AT EVERY LEVEL OF CALIFORNIA'S GOVERNMENT.

HOWARD JARVIS, THE OUTSPOKEN CONSERVATIVE BUSINESSMAN, WHO HELPED WRITE PROPOSITION THIRTEEN AND WAS ITS MOST ARDENT PROPONENT, SAID THE VOTE MARKS THE START OF A NEW AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO REDUCE TAXES AND CUT THE COST AND POWER OF THE GOVERNMENT. AND HE WARNED POLITICIANS WHO REFUSE TO HEAR THE MESSAGE:

TAPE: CUT NINE -- JARVIS

"YOU WAIT. THEY START DOUBLE CROSSING THESE PEOPLE IN THIS STATE AND THEY'VE NEVER SEEN A FIRE YET THAT THEY'RE GONNA GET. AND NOVEMBER'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER. I'VE GOT ANOTHER AMENDMENT -- IT'S TO FREEZE THE SALES TAX AND THE INCOME TAX -- JANUARY 1, 1979. AND IF THEY DO IT, THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE GONNA GET."

NARR:

LATER IN THE WEEK, AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE NATIONAL TAXPAYERS' UNION SAID THE CALIFORNIA VOTE WILL HELP INTENSIFY EFFORTS IN 26 OTHER STATES TO REDUCE OR LIMIT THE POWER OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO LEVY TAXES. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP SAID THE CALIFORNIA VOTE WAS A TURNING POINT IN AN EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN GROWING FOR YEARS.

ANNCR:

AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS ----- JOIN US AGAIN NEXT ----- WHEN THE VOA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT 7 DAYS OF THE WEEK.